GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXPORTING INDIAN FARMERS TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the African Countires have sent proposals to take Indian farmers to their country to give a push to their ailing farm economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision proposed to be taken by the Government in the wake of the spate of suicides by farmers in AP due to the recurring drought condition there?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) No African country has approached the Government of India so far. However, newspaper have published reports to this effect, which are being investigated.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Appropriate decision would be taken, if any country approaches the Government on this subject.